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Donovan in Race for Senate

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James B. Donovan, attorney and international trouble shooter, is available for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator.

A group of Mr. Donovan's friends are sending letters on his behalf to prospective delegates to the state convention. It is understood the effort has Mr. Donovan's blessing.

Mr. Donovan was in San Francisco yesterday attending an American Bar Association meeting. At the St. George Hotel in Brooklyn, his supporters told reporters they hoped to set off a "ground swell movement" before the convention.

Although three Democrats are announced contenders for the party's nomination for governor, none so far is openly campaigning for the Senate spot. The Republican incumbent is Jacob K. Javits, who is seeking re-election.

Accompanying the letters to would-be delegates are lengthy

biographies recalling Mr. Donovan's colorful career.

He is best known for two assignments involving the Soviet Union. He arranged for the exchange of two famous spies, Francis Gary Powers, who was a prisoner in Russia, and Col. Rudolf Abel, who was in an American jail. Five years ago Mr. Donovan was defense attorney in Abel's espionage trial here.

He is vice-president of the New York City Board of Education. Mayor Wagner appointed him to the board last year.

Yesterday Mr. Wagner was in the Bronx, supervising political activities on the county's level. When informed of the Donovan effort, the Mayor said:

"I know he has some desire along that line. . . . I am sure he is an able person and his candidacy should be given full consideration."

It was recalled that Demo-



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crats have been trying to interest a number of persons with attractive names to run for the Senate. Among those who have declined are Ralph Bunch and Edward R. Murrow.

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